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Applicants : Hiroshi NOMURA et al.

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For : REDUCTION GEAR MECHANISM

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner For Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated March 4, 2002, the period for response having been set to expire on June 4, 2003, please enter the following amendment. Reconsideration of the action and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.